

REMARKS

Claims 18-30 and 34-43 remain in this application. Claims 18, 26, 28, 34, 40, and 41 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 1-17, 31-33, and 44-60 have been withdrawn.

In the Office Action dated October 6, 2003, the Examiner indicated that claims 19-25, 27, 29, 30, 35-39, 42, and 43, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-17, 31-33, and 44-60 have been withdrawn as the result of an earlier restriction requirement.

Claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating the elements of claim 18 and original claim 19. Original claims 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, now depend from an amended claim 19. Claim 25 is amended herein to depend from amended claim 19. Claim 27 is amended herein to depend from amended claim 19. Claim 29 is amended herein to include the elements of original claim 28 and original claim 29, and to depend from amended claim 19. Claim 30 is amended herein to depend from amended claim 19.

Claim 35 is rewritten in independent form to include the elements of original claims 28 and 29. Original claims 36 and 37 now depend from an amended claim 35. Claims 38, 39, 42, and 43, are amended herein to depend from amended claim 35.

No new matter has been entered. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Having dealt with all of the outstanding objections and/or rejections of the claims, Applicants submit that the application as amended is in condition for allowance, and an allowance at an early date is respectfully solicited. In the event there are any fee deficiencies or

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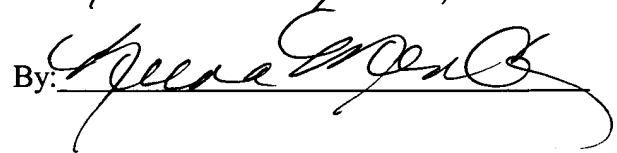
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